

to sell, give away, or dispose of any kind of intoxicating liquors within three miles of the Western North Carolina Rail Road, from Morganton to the Western terminus of the Road at Ducktown and Paint Rock during the construction of said Road, unless licensed by the State.

Fined and imprisoned.

SEC. 2. That any person or persons violating the provisions of this act shall, on conviction thereof, be fined fifty dollars, or imprisoned six months, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SEC. 13. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 12th day of April, A. D. 1869.

## CHAPTER CCXIV.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JOSEPH COBB, LATE SHERIFF OF EDGE-COMBE COUNTY, TO COLLECT ARREARS OF TAXES.

Jos. Cobb authorized to collect taxes.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That Joseph Cobb, late Sheriff of Edgecombe County be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to collect the arrears of taxes due by the citizens of said County for the years eighteen hundred and sixty-six and eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, subject to all the rules and regulations of the revenue laws in force at that time, and to the provisions hereinafter contained.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *Provided*, That any person, of whom taxes may be claimed under this act, shall be exempt from the same by making oath before some Justice of the Peace or other officer authorized to administer an oath, that he has paid the same and lost the receipt, and that all real estate that has been sold since said taxes became due, shall be exempt from the said arrears of taxes, but said taxes may be col-